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Bruick-Jones Named Assistant Commissioner of Learning Services

LITTLE ROCK — Arkansas Department of Education Commissioner Dr. Tom Kimbrell is pleased to announce the selection of Dr. Deborah Bruick-Jones as the assistant commissioner of Learning Services.

Bruick-Jones will assume her new position July 1. She will replace Dr. Megan Witonski, who will leave July 1 to take a position in northwest Arkansas.

"Ms. Bruick-Jones has extensive experience not only as an educator, but as an administrator as well," Kimbrell said. "Her background with curriculum and instruction will be a great addition to the ADE team."

An educator for 20 years, Bruick-Jones is currently the assistant superintendent for the Bryant School District, a position she has held for seven years. She specializes in curriculum and instructional design and implementation. Bruick-Jones has a background in district strategic planning, budgeting and implementation of Response to Intervention programs, intervention models, data analysis and school improvement.

Bruick-Jones received a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Arkansas at Favetteville. She later received a Master of Arts in Secondary Administration from the University of Central Arkansas at Conway and a Doctor of Education in Educational Administration from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Prior to being appointed assistant superintendent, Bruick-Jones served as the principal at Bryant High School, director of secondary education at the Pulaski County Special School District, and principal at Robinson Middle School and Jacksonville Middle School.

She is a member of the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators and Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, serves on the board of directors for the Arkansas Association of Curriculum and Instruction Administrators, and served on the Arkansas Guiding Coalition Common Core Committee.

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